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In reply to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, please enter the following request for continued examination, amendments, and remarks into the file for the above-identified application. Applicant submits these amendments and remarks serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability.

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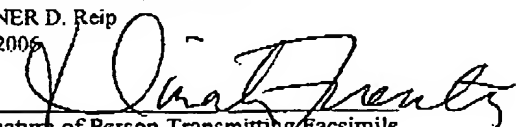
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